

SALE OF LIQUOR TO YOUNG MAGEE

Trial of the Third of Cases Involving This Charge Results in Hung Jury.

DR. FOSTER OFFERED CHAIR

Popular Petersburg Pastor Asked to Take Up Work at Southwestern University.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., April 6.—The Hastings Court, with Judge Mullen presiding, was occupied all day in trying the case of the Newcomb Company, one of a number of well-known liquor dealers, charged with selling whiskey to Charles D. Magee, a seventeen-year-old boy, who is said to have been given money to buy liquor as a means of securing evidence. The jury was unable to agree this evening, and was discharged until to-morrow morning. Young Magee testified that he bought half a pint of whiskey from Maxwell T. Lee, barkeeper at the Newcomb saloon, while Lee swears he was at home at dinner at the alleged time of purchase, in which he is corroborated by other witnesses. This is the third case tried, the other two resulting in conviction with \$50 fine and revocation of license.

Circuit Court in Session.
The spring term of the Circuit Court of Petersburg began this morning, with Judge William I. Clifton, of Manchester, presiding for Judge Walter A. Watson, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. The only business transacted to-day was the entering of a judgment in a garnishee case.

On the grave charge of stealthily approaching Richard Dillard, a colored saloon-keeper, on Halifax Street, and stabbing him in the head, Landy Epps, colored, was sent on to the grand jury from the Mayor's Court to-day. The deed is said to have been caused by the fact that Dillard drove Epps away while the latter was loafing in front of his saloon Saturday night, the stabbing occurring about half an hour later.

It is understood that at the meeting of the City Council to-morrow evening those members of the Finance Committee who favor the proposed restrictions of the liquor traffic in Petersburg, which the majority report will reject, will submit a minority report and make a stout fight for it.

Offered University Chair.

The chair of systematic theology in the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn., has been offered to Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, pastor of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church for the past six years, and one of the most beloved ministers in this city. Dr. Foster came to Petersburg from Franklin, Tenn., and has won the admiration of both his congregation and the community at large as a pastor, preacher and gentleman. He has the confidence of the community at large.

Large congregations attended four Sunday services at the Second Baptist Church, where Rev. E. E. Dudley, of Norfolk, is conducting a revival. Mr.

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Dudley spoke at each meeting yesterday and there were several conversions. A meeting will be held every night this week, Mr. Dudley preaching. The first week of the mission, now being conducted by Rev. Father Waters and Rev. Father Van Ingelcum at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, ended last evening, when the closing sermon of the mission to Catholics was preached by Father Waters. The mission to non-Catholics beginning to-night will continue throughout this week.

Rev. George E. Booker, of Epworth Church, Norfolk, will conduct a series of meetings at the High Street Methodist Church beginning next Wednesday night.

PUSHING WORK ON THE ROAD.

Large Forces Employed on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., April 6.—An increase in the construction forces all along the route of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway, the new road designed to serve as a coal carrier from the Virginia coal fields to the Atlantic seaboard, and to extend northward from the coal fields through Kentucky and Ohio, confirms the statement made recently that this road is to be completed during the present year. The project is backed by the Thomas F. Ryan and George L. Carter interests, Mr. Carter being president of the company.

This company has already spent perhaps not less than \$25,000,000 on this project, and will spend as much more before it is completed. It will be one of the best constructed roads in the United States. In order to get the best possible grade, the tops of mountains are being followed in some instances, while in others tunnels are being cut through mountains of solid limestone. The longest tunnel of this kind is the one being driven through the Clinch Mountain, near Clinchport, Va. This tunnel will be nearly a mile in length. The construction company expects to complete the tunnel within four months. A force of men have been working on this tunnel from each end and day and night for eighteen months.

MAYOR URGED TO SIGN ORDINANCE

Strong Petition Presented to Norfolk Executive in Behalf of Restriction of Saloons.

EXPECTED TO VETO MEASURE

Reported That Riddick Will Retire and That Mayor Will Enter Race.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, April 6.—Sixty strong committees representing the various churches of Norfolk, Sunday schools and religious bodies, waited on Mayor James G. Riddick to-day at 2 P. M., presenting petitions asking that he approve the Matthews restriction ordinance, regulating and reducing the number of saloons, and verbally bearing assurances that he would win the gratitude of the best people in the city by affixing his signature to the measure.

Mayor Riddick was non-committal as to what would be his course, but received the delegations courteously, and showed that the representations made had won his consideration. The petitions presented read as follows:

"Whereas, the Councils of the city of Norfolk have passed the Matthews saloon ordinance by a large majority; and

"Whereas, we believe that the above measure has the hearty approval of a large majority of the law-abiding residents of this city; and

"Whereas, as a Christian body, having the welfare of our fellow-citizens at heart, we heartily endorse the effort now being made to restrict the liquor traffic, which is the direct cause of so much crime, suffering and poverty in our community; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we respectfully request the Mayor of the city to give the Matthews saloon ordinance, as passed by the Councils, the seal of his official approval, so that it may become a law of our city.

"We feel that we are warranted in making this request, since we are informed that the criminal expenses of all municipalities where the liquor traffic has been suppressed have been greatly reduced, crime suppressed and the disorderly element changed into law-abiding citizens. We earnestly hope that the Mayor is heartily in sympathy with the great tide of temperance which is sweeping over our country, and will respect the wishes of the Christian people of this community."

The general feeling among the leaders who know Mayor Riddick is that he will veto the measure, on the ground that it is not within the province of the City Council to reduce the number of saloons or to specify the locations within which they must be limited, that power belonging to the judge of the Corporation Court.

Mayor Riddick May Not Run.

The political muddle in Norfolk to-day is muddier than ever. While it is

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accepted that the Good Government faction will not participate in the primary of next week, there will probably be a scramble among the members of the anti-administration party for the honor of the nomination of the Democratic primary scheduled for next Tuesday.

Report now has it that Mayor Riddick will not be a candidate for reelection, and that his retirement is to make way for Captain W. R. Mayo. Mayor Riddick is silent regarding his own future, but it is not clear whether or not he will enter the fight. John E. Burke is in the race, and should Mayor Riddick and Captain Mayo both enter, it will be a three-sided fight for the honor.

James L. Belote announces his withdrawal from the race as a member of the Board of Control, with the statement that he will again stand for election for Council in the Seventh Ward. He will bolt the primary and stand in the regular election.

Only a Certificate.

Information received in Norfolk to-day is to the effect that E. S. Royter, the Norfolk Guano man robbed Saturday in San Francisco, did not lose \$6,000 in cash as reported. It was a certificate on the Bank of England for that amount, but worthless to any one but Mr. Royter. The private information is to the effect that Mr. Royter lost only \$150 in cash and a railroad ticket to the East. Charles F. Royter, vice-president of the Royster Guano Company, declares that the report that Mr. Royter carried about with him a large amount of money was ridiculous.

BON AIR BLOOMS OUT.

Delightful Suburb Begins to Put on Spring Air.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BON AIR, VA., April 6.—The village beneath the trees, and where the air is pure and the water is the best that comes from the rock-ribbed hills of Southside Virginia, never looked lovelier than it does with the opening of the season. Bon Air will never be a large town, and, indeed, it never ought to be either. The Creator of all things that are good and beautiful seems to have made it for a village of sweet homes and a place of rest, and such it is. As a summer home for weary business people it is and ever will be superb.

Already the people are beginning to make ready for the spring and summer run upon its hospitality, and the many handsome homes are being made in apple-pie order for the coming of the visitors. It is said that the village will have more summer boarding houses this year than ever before, and the probability is that the visitors will find even better accommodations than they enjoyed last year or any previous year.

During the winter LeNoel Cottage has been overhauled from cellar to garret and thoroughly renovated, all of the rooms being made more attractive than ever. Among other improvements, water works have been added. A pumping arrangement has been installed, and the waters of the little well, so well known, are now transferred to every part of the house through a 3,000-gallon tank, and in addition a sewerage system has been installed. Bath rooms have been equipped, and these improvements, added to the gas plant installed last year, make the cottage an ideal place with all of the city conveniences added to the joys of a summertime country life.

It has been rumored here that the summer schedule of the Southern Railway will be more attractive to the suburbanites this year than it has before been, and it may be that Bon Air folks will be able to come home to lunch and then return to do a good afternoon's work in the city, getting back home on Captain Rudd's Pullman layout in ample time for tea.

FAREWELL TO REV. MR. LIGHT.

Other Churches Close and Unite in the Service—Lady Dragged Out of Buggy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 6.—As a special compliment to the Rev. J. H. Light, pastor of the Methodist Church of this city, the Baptist and Presbyterian congregations dispensed with their Sunday night services and joined with the Methodists in their services, in which the Rev. Mr. Light preached his farewell sermon, having served his four years' limit here. Mr. Light preached an earnest sermon, in which he praised his congregation and gave it advice for the future. The Rev. Andrew Williams, pastor of the Baptist Church, delivered an address, in which he expressed the regret of the community generally in parting with Mr. Light. The Rev. J. H. Hendler, of the Presbyterian Church, also participated in the service. During the singing of the last hymn many of the congregation went up and bade Mr. Light good-by. Mr. Light was assigned at the Baltimore Conference at Front Royal and Riverton. He will leave this week for his new field.

Yesterday, while returning to her home from church in this city, Mrs. George F. Fletcher, of Spotsylvania county, had a narrow escape. She was driving a young horse, a portion of the harness broke, the horse dashed off, and Mrs. Fletcher held on to the reins. She was thrown out and dragged some distance, but succeeded in stopping the horse. She was badly bruised, but her mother, who was in the vehicle with her, was unhurt.

The board of supervisors of Orange county will open bids on May 2d for building sixteen miles of good road in that county.

The O. A. Butler farm, in Orange county, 177 acres, has been sold to G. W. Waddell, of Scotland.

Mrs. F. W. Lewis, of Lancaster county, suffered a stroke of paralysis of the throat a few days ago.

A. E. Stofer, publisher of the Piedmont Virginian, at Charlottesville, Va., fell down a flight of steps at his home and broke his left wrist.

A new school building will be dedicated at Lignum, Culpeper county, Wednesday night. Charles G. Maphis and Dr. Robert Frazer will deliver addresses.

NOT THERE TO STOP USE OF BUILDING

Visit of Mr. Maphis to Alexandria Not Connected With Protest of Mr. Yates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 6.—State School Examiner Maphis was in this city to-day, and announced that he could not take any action to prevent the use on the part of the city of a private residence for temporary school quarters for the little girls who occupied the third floor of the Peabody school building up to the time it was condemned by a grand jury. Mr. Maphis added that he did not come here for that purpose. He said the entire matter rested in the hands of the superintendent of public schools, Mr. C. R. Yates, a member of the City School Board, recently protested to Mr. Maphis against the use of the building, and the impression prevailed here that he came to this city specifically for the purpose of making an examination into the building. The building will be in readiness to-morrow morning for the little girls.

Mr. Maphis to-day went to West End, west of this city, accompanied by Superintendent M. D. Hall, of the Fairfax county schools, and C. M. Robinson, an architect from Richmond, to view a site for a school, which Fairfax county will shortly erect at a cost of about \$6,000, for the children who occupy what is known as the West End School. The structure will be of brick and will be two stories high.

The recently elected officers of Alexandria Lodge, No. 738, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, were to-night installed. Following the installation ceremonies a social session was held, with Dr. W. M. Smith as chairman.

Robert L. Downing, the converted actor, to-night conducted evangelistic services at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Yesterday he preached at the same church, and in the afternoon addressed a largely attended men's meeting.

ROANOKE PRESBYTERY TO MEET AT CHATHAM TO-NIGHT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., April 6.—Roanoke Presbytery, composed of forty-six churches in Danville and Patrick, Henry, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte, Campbell, Lunenburg and Mecklenburg counties, will meet with the Chatham Presbyterian Church on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. L. McNair, of Charlotte Courthouse, will preach the opening sermon.

Ten ministers and about twenty-five lay delegates have expressed their intention of coming, all of whom will be met at the trains and assigned to the different homes of the congregation.

PASTOR'S HOUSE IS BURNED; LITTLE FURNITURE SAVED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 6.—The residence of Rev. C. A. Sanders, of Spotsylvania county, near Brookensburg, was destroyed by fire to-day. Mrs. Sanders had gone to a neighbor's and Mr. Sanders was in the field. No one was in the house. The fire caught from the kitchen.

A pocketbook containing money and Mrs. Sanders' gold watch, beside most of the furniture, was also burned. The house was partly insured. Mr. Sanders is pastor of Good Hope, Mine Run and Craig Baptist churches.



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